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Report of the Economic and Social Council

Draft resolution submitted by the President of the General Assembly

Participation in the plenary meetings of the Meeting of the General Assembly devoted to information and communication technologies for development

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 56/258 of 31 January 2002, by which it decided to convene the Meeting of the General Assembly devoted to information and communication technologies for development and that the Meeting would consist of three plenary meetings and separate informal panels,

Recalling also that the Meeting will be held on 17 and 18 June 2002,

Noting that, in its resolution 56/258, the General Assembly recalled, inter alia, the ministerial declaration of the high-level segment of 2000 of the Economic and Social Council[1] as well as resolution 56/183 of 21 December 2001 in which the Assembly had welcomed the fact that the World Summit on the Information Society would be held in December 2003 in Geneva and in December 2005 in Tunis,

Noting also that in its resolution 56/258 the General Assembly welcomed, inter alia, the fact that the Information and Communication Technologies Task Force had been launched on 20 November 2001,

Noting further that the Digital Opportunities Task Force was launched at the G-8 Kyushu-Okinawa summit in July 2000,[2]

Welcoming the fact that, at its second meeting on 4 February 2002, the Information and Communication Technologies Task Force agreed to work together with the Digital Opportunities Task Force implementation teams to advance the shared agenda,

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[1] See *Official Records of the General Assembly Fifty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 3* (A/55/3/Rev.1), chap. III, para. 17.

[2] See A/55/257-S/2000/766, annex, para. 12.

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Noting that the World Telecommunications Development Conference, 2002, was held in Istanbul from 18 to 27 March 2002,

Decides to invite the President of the Economic and Social Council, the Chairman of the Information and Communication Technologies Task Force, the Chairman of the Digital Opportunities Task Force, and the Secretary-General of the International Telecommunication Union to make statements at the first plenary meeting of the Meeting of the General Assembly devoted to information and communication technologies for development.

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Adoption of the agenda and organization of work: reports of the General Committee

General debate

Draft decision submitted by the President of the General Assembly

General debate of the fifty-seventh regular session of the General Assembly

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 51/242 of 31 July 1997, in particular paragraphs 19, 20 (a) and (e) and 21 of the annex thereto, and 56/218 of 21 December 2001, in particular paragraph 4 thereof,

Decides to hold an eight-day general debate at its fifty-seventh session, from Thursday, 12 September, to Sunday, 15 September, and from Tuesday, 17 September, to Friday, 20 September 2002. The schedule of the plenary meetings during the general debate shall be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., with a voluntary time limit of up to 15 minutes for each statement, and these arrangements shall in no way create precedent for the general debate at the fifty-eighth or other future sessions.

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The situation in East Timor during its transition to independence

Environment and sustainable development: implementation of Agenda 21 and the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21

Draft resolution submitted by the President of the General Assembly*

Participation of East Timor in the World Summit on Sustainable Development and its preparatory process

The General Assembly,

Expressing its congratulations to the Government and people of East Timor on the attainment of independence by East Timor on 20 May 2002,

Noting with satisfaction the submission by East Timor of an application for membership in the United Nations,[1]

Mindful of the statement by the President of the Security Council of 20 May 2002,[2] in which the Council welcomed the attainment of independence by East Timor,

Noting that the World Summit on Sustainable Development will be held from 26 August to 4 September 2002 in South Africa and that the fourth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development acting as the preparatory committee for the World Summit on Sustainable Development will be held from 27 May to 7 June 2002 in Indonesia,

Noting also that the World Summit on Sustainable Development and its preparatory process are open to all States Members of the United Nations and States members of the specialized agencies,

1. *Welcomes* the attainment of independence by East Timor on 20 May 2002;

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* In order for the General Assembly to take action on the present proposal, it will be necessary for the Assembly to decide to consider directly, in plenary meeting, agenda item 98 (a).

[1] A/56/953-S/2002/558.

[2] S/PRST/2002/13.

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2. *Invites* East Timor, pending its admission to membership in the United Nations or the specialized agencies, to participate as a State, without the right to vote, in the World Summit on Sustainable Development and its preparatory process, including the fourth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development acting as the preparatory committee for the World Summit on Sustainable Development;

3. *Decides* to conclude its consideration of the agenda item entitled "The situation in East Timor during its transition to independence".